

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: November 6-7, 2002

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD PER RESOLUTION
G-01-21, LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS, WAIVER-02-42**

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated construction funds totaling \$2,834,000 for projects in the Cities of Atascadero and Goleta, and in the County of Santa Barbara. The responsible agencies are unable to award contracts by their respective deadlines, and are requesting extensions. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that resulted in the extension requests. The project sponsors request the extensions and the planning agencies concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation's recommendations are shown on the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, stipulates that funds allocated for the construction phase of local grant projects are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the contract award deadlines one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Item 2.8b.(1) – Local Streets and Roads Projects
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Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) E&P PS&E R/W CON Total	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
Reason for Project Delay:			
1	City of Atascadero San Luis Obispo	\$0 \$0 \$0	8 months 09/03/2003
	PPNO: 0961 Construction and Rehab of Santa Cruz Road	\$264 \$264	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>The City has diligently pursued completion of design, however unanticipated obstacles have resulted in significant delays to the schedule. Primary contributing factors are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with Union Pacific Railroad began in December 2001 regarding an encroachment permit to make improvements to an existing storm drain and culvert within the RR right-of-way. The permit was obtained in July 2002, however the eight months it took to obtain the permit halted negotiations with an adjacent property owner. These negotiations are expected to be complete by November 2002. • The project, as initially planned, was to include the relocation of PG&E poles in order to accommodate roadway widening. Coordination between the Utility and the City became a legal matter, and in order to avoid missing deadlines for funding, the City chose not to pursue the case and requested a cost from PG&E to relocate the poles. The quoted cost was well above the amount budgeted. Therefore, design was delayed while the City Attorney attempted to resolve the matter. The City finally has had to revise the project scope to avoid the poles, thus affecting other design features and delaying completion of design. • Design was also delayed due to neighborhood traffic concerns. The City investigated traffic calming options, preparing traffic reports and alternative concept drawings for neighborhood meetings. These meetings resulted in redesign, delaying completion. <p>Due to these factors, the City is requesting an 8-month extension of the deadline to award the construction contract.</p>			
2	County of Santa Barbara Santa Barbara	\$0 \$0 \$0	12 months 01/23/2004
	PPNO: 0223F Construct Class II Bike Lanes on North Jameson Lane	\$1,911 \$1,911	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>The North Jameson Lane project is a combined STIP and HBRRP funded project. The STIP funding will pay for the new class II bike lanes, and the HBRRP funding will address the replacement of Jameson Lane bridges. In order to construct the new bridges while still maintaining traffic and access to properties along North Jameson, the bridges must be constructed in halves. As a result of this construction approach, the staging of the project requires that North Jameson Lane be converted to a one-way street westbound.</p> <p>Concurrently, construction began (Spring 2002) on the Caltrans Route 101 Rehabilitation Milpas Street to the Ventura County Line. This project is expected to be complete in Fall of 2003. North Jameson Lane is a frontage road to Route 101 linking two freeway interchanges, and is located at the west end of the Caltrans rehab project. In evaluating the construction schedules of the North Jameson project and the Caltrans rehab project, it is clear that construction will be occurring concurrently if current schedules are maintained. Traffic will be significantly adversely impacted if both projects occur at the same time. Therefore, the County wants to delay the North Jameson Lane project.</p> <p>Due to these factors, the County is requesting a 12-month extension of the deadline to award the construction contract.</p>			

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		E&P	PS&E	Extended Deadline
PPNO	Project Description	R/W	CON	CT Recommendation
Total				
Reason for Project Delay:				
3	City of Goleta			7 months
	Santa Barbara	\$0		
		\$0		08/23/2003
	PPNO: 4655	\$0		
	Los Carneros Road/State Route 101 I/C On-Ramp Widening	\$659		Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>Prior to November 2001, the local agency responsible for delivering this project was the County of Santa Barbara. In November 2001, voters approved the City of Goleta and the City was officially formed February 1, 2002. The project now lies within the limits of the new City. Between November 2001 and May 2002, approval of a final design contract for the project was delayed while project responsibility issues were resolved and project authority was transferred from the County to the City. As a result, approval of the final design contract was delayed.</p> <p>In addition, fees required by Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for structural review/approval and for an insurance premium to allow access to UPRR property were not approved, which delayed right-of-way acquisition.</p> <p>As a result of these delays, the City of Goleta will not be able to award a construction contract in January 2003, and is requesting a 7-month extension of the award deadline. This extension will provide sufficient time to finalize right-of-way issues with UPRR and thereby complete right-of-way requirements of the project.</p>				